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1. The principal direction of the activities of the Communist Party of Paraguay (CPP) in Asuncion at the present time is reported to come from Clorinda, Argentina, where Augusto Canete and several of his lieutenants are residing.
2. Canete, aware of the present state of disorganization of the Party, recently prepared a set of instructions in an attempt to correct this condition. These instructions, which were to be distributed to the various secretaries of the cells, provided that special persons will be designated for liaison duty. Through these liaison men the various organizational units of the Party will remain in contact with each other, and every member of the Party will have indirect contact with "the representative of the Leader of the Party".* The directions also stipulated that no more than five people are to attend any secret meeting, and that leaders in the Party, if possible, should attempt to change their domicile.
3. The Communists have been unable to circulate any published propaganda in Asuncion during the past month. However, in Clorinda, they sometimes prepare typewritten or handwritten handbills which are distributed primarily among the militant Communist members. The only new item introduced in the more recent handbills is an increasing reference to the Communist parties of Argentina and Brazil as brothers-in-arms of the Paraguayan Communists.

4. [REDACTED] the present time there are approximately 400 to 500 members and close sympathizers of the CPP in Asuncion, and that possibly a majority of this number has infiltrated into the Colorado Party.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Apparently the "Leader" referred to is Oscar Greydt and the "representative" is Augusto Canete.

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